



COMMUNITY ASSET MAPPING DATASET

1st Community Asset Mapping Meeting
Westside Neighborhoods – First Baptist Lamberts Point
Thursday, 1/21, 5:30pm – 7:00pm

This summary provides a compilation of answers to the following question:

What are the most important assets in your neighborhood and in the city as a whole that make your community strong and a great place to live? Please name at least three top priorities. By assets we mean:

- a. Places
- b. People
- c. Events
- d. Things

Residents Count: 36

Places [240 data points]

Interaction with Natural Elements [59 data points]

City and neighborhood parks and gardens were considered major assets within the city and individual neighborhoods. The Norfolk Zoo and Botanical Gardens were mentioned most frequently.

DATA:

City and Neighborhood Parks (51) – Large Activity Spaces and Community Gathering Spaces

Norfolk Zoo (12) – The zoo was mentioned by several residents for multiple reasons including the aesthetic appearance, native plant material, interaction with animals and the impact they had on their childhood memories.

The Plot (1)

City Park (1)

Neighborhood Park (2)

Madison School Park (1) – Green space within walking distance

Play Park (1)

Park near old ferry depot (1)

Town Point Park (1) - Great outdoor spaces and place for families, and outdoor events

Jeff Robertson Park (1)

Mount Trashmore (1) – Great outdoor space for exercise and to just escape the City of Norfolk

Playgrounds (4)

Colonial Place Playground (2)

River Point Playground (1)

City and community gardens (4) - Concentrations

Norfolk Botanical Gardens (10) – Beautiful views, native plants and interaction, a center HUB in the city with learning opportunities

Water birds (1)

Peace Garden (1)

Stockley Gardens (4)

Farmers Market (2)

Green Space & Treescape (5)

Weyanoke Wildlife Sanctuary (1)

Norfolk Publicly Owned Vacant Land (2)

Interaction with Water [22 data points]

The waterways that provide transportation and amenities are considered highly valuable assets. The beaches, bayfronts and riverfronts are also valuable assets that connect residents to the water, however, many people felt these assets are underutilized..

DATA:

Waterways (12)

Waterway Industry (4) - Kayaking and canoeing opportunities, shipping industry

Lafayette River (2) – Beautiful views

The Hague-water (6)

Waterfront (10) - Additional potential

Beaches (4)

Bayfront (1)

Fishing Pier (1)

Oceanfront (4)

Neighborhoods [61 data points]

Residents expressed a lot of pride in the community for their specific neighborhood. Three neighborhoods that are valued heavily throughout the community; Downtown, Arts/Neon District and Ghent.

DATA:

Granby Street and Downtown (10) – Awesome stores and restaurants

Arts/NEON District (9) – “I love the Energy the Art District Brings to the city”, murals, festivals, music and public spaces

Ghent (9) – A great tree canopy and walkable neighborhood with a variety of great shops and restaurants that people come to from all over the city

Park Place (4)

North Colley Restaurants (3)

Lafayette Residence Park (3)

Lamberts Point (3) – Homes and Shopping

The Hague (2) – Original Suburban neighborhood which is beautiful and clean

Chelsea Business District (2)

Riverview (2)

Waterside ERT (1)

Lafayette and Winona Neighborhoods (1)

Fawn Street (1) – Villa Heights

21st Street Shops and Restaurants (1)

Historical Neighborhoods (1)

Huntersville/Lindenwood (1)

Meadowbrook Woods (1) – Best thing is central location to entire city

Oceanview (1) – but need to leverage – share info about places to go, opportunity

Naval Operation Base (1) – Historical homes

Park Manor Apartments (1) – built in 1920's affordable and nicer older building

Civic Engagement Places [98 data points]

The community highly values its Performance Arts and Sporting Venue assets. They also appreciate the other Educational, City, Industry and Faith-Based assets.

DATA:

Performance Arts and Sporting Venues (27)

SCOPE Arena and Chrysler Hall (17)

Harbor Park (3) - Baseball stadium and soon to be youth boxing center

Attucks Theater (2)

Harrison Opera House (2)

Looking Glass (1)

Wells Theater (1)

NARO Cinema (1) – movie and discussions

Universities and Medical Schools (18)

Norfolk State University (6) – Historical black campus that encourages diversity

Old Dominion University (8) – Athletic events and games, cultural and economic assets

Tidewater Community College (1)

Eastern Virginia Medical School (3)

Norfolk City Services (20)

Recreation Health Centers (1)

Public Art spaces (2)

New Courthouse (1) – Well designed

Schools (2)

Libraries (14) - Free to all with extended hours and meeting rooms

Library system (5)

Slover Library (8)

Pretlow Library (1)

Industry (14)

Sentara Hospital (4)

Shopping Centers and Restaurants (5)

Hell's Kitchen (1) – Restaurant

Luna Maya (1) – Restaurant

Doumar's (1) – Restaurant

Chartreuse Bistro (1) – Restaurant

Restaurants and shops (1)

Military Bases (4)

Naval Air Station (1) - Chambers Field

Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story (1)

Naval Station Norfolk (2)

Lambert Point Coal Yard (1) – Jobs

Museums and Memorials (11)

MacArthur Memorial (1)

Chrysler Museum (5) – One resident said “One of the best museums I’ve been to” it was also pointed out that it is “Free to all”

The Hermitage Museum (3)

Glass House Museum (1)

Hunter House Victorian Museum (1)

Churches (7) – Gathering place for community members, faith based, and involved in community activities

Queen Street Baptist (1)

1st Baptist Lamberts Point (1)

Faith based locations (5)

Hope House (1)

EVENTS [49 data points]

Festivals are the most popular event assets that take place within the city and community. Neighborhood specific events and city wide sporting events are also popular assets. The library resources and specific events were also listed, and possibly underutilized.

DATA:

Outdoor Events Everywhere (2)

Festivals (17)

Festivals in general (2)

Virginia Arts Festival (5)

Virginia International Tattoo (2)

TPT Festival (1)

Stockley Gardens Festival (2)

Afr'am Festival (1)

Wine Events (1)

Harbor Fest (2)

Former Oceanview festivals (1) – Before Pretlow library was built

Neighborhood Gatherings and Events (12)

Ghent Block Party (3) – Very inclusive community event that caters to families and singles, friendly environment

Lamberts Point Reunion (4) – Annual weekend long event in August centered on reconnecting past and present residents together. The community socializes and talks about the history of the neighborhood and its future.

Great American Clean-Up (2)

Community Safety Events (2)

Sporting Events (8)

5K Races (3)

Norfolk Senior Olympics (1)

Local Hockey games (1) – Admirals

Local Baseball games (1)

MEAC Tournaments (1)

ODU Football games (1)

Library system events and classes (2)

Opera (1)

Concerts (1)

PEOPLE/ORGANIZATIONS [22 data points]

People and organizations within the community were the least frequently mentioned assets. In the data set provided, City leadership both in the government and the schools seemed to be valued as an asset. A few organizations were mentioned but almost no specific individuals within the communities were identified.

DATA:

Local political Leadership (6) – Elected officials and administration

Teachers and school administrators (2)

Elizabeth River Group (2)

Norfolk Botanical Garden (1)

Master Gardeners (1)

Recreational Health Center staff (1)

Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (1) – NEST

Hope House (1)

Southern Virginia Arts Association (1) – SEVAA

Feldman Chamber Music Society (1)

Military Marching Band (1)

Norfolk United Methodist Church (1)

ERP/LRN Group (1)

Good Neighbors (1)

Rick Jone (1) – No real specific information on who this is or what they do.

Things [57 data points]

The biking and walkability of the city/communities were identified as a very valued asset. The history of the city and the historical buildings are also appreciated. The connection throughout the city and to the world through mass transit, waterways, universities and military as well as the diversity it brings to the city, is also highly valued.

DATA:

Biking and Walkability (10)

Historical Buildings (8) – a lot of building should be restored or renovated to keep original character and history but outfitted for modern use

Shops and Restaurants (7)

TIDE Light Rail (4)

Diversity (4) – Military and universities attract variety of people, 130 different neighborhoods

History of the City and Communities (2)

Naval and Military Bases (3)

New Homes and construction (3) – Mixed use development, transitional housing

Urban Canopy/ Urban Food Forest (2)

Civic Engagement and Involvement (2)

Regional Transit (2)

Pedestrian Friendly Neighborhoods (2)

Connectivity (1) – with or without a car

South Hampton Roads Trail (1)

Amtrak (1)

Higher Academic Institutions (1)

Educational Resources (1)

Art Culture (1)

Aesthetics (1)

Entertainment (1)